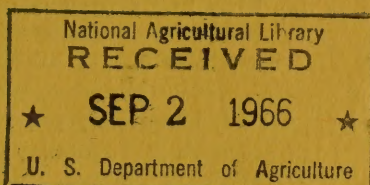


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TO OUR GLADIOLUS FRIENDS:

Warm Greetings! . . . and may this small list, our first offering of our own new introductions, intrigue, tempt and finally reward you. We are not planning to present this pamphlet to the gardening public: it is meant for you, the gladiolus fancier, and therefore we will avoid the glowing descriptions and impossible claims that fill the catalogues designed for the promotion of mass sales. Instead, we assume that we are among professionals who want hard facts. In our ad in the NAGC Bulletin we outlined our policy, which we here restate for the record:

1. The initial release of a D&A Walker seedling will be made only by us, the originators. At present we do not contemplate offering any varieties other than our own developments.

2. No seedling will be introduced unless we are convinced, through exhaustive trials, usage by florists and exhibition at shows, that the variety is attractive, different, healthy, useful and of value to the industry.

3. We pledge that we will give our customers all the truth, as we know it, regarding every introduction. This includes any problem a variety may have, and how we overcame it.

4. Introductory prices will be modest and geared to a variety's propagative power and its probable use. There will be economical grower units for cataloguers and cut-flower men who desire to build up a stock quickly.

5. It's going to be strictly cash, check or money order on the old barrelhead.

TERMS OF SALE:-

Listed on the back of enclosed "ORDER SHEET"

THE D&A WALKER SEEDLINGS

Our seedling program began ten years ago and now we are ready to introduce seven long-tested varieties. These seedlings are the product of an equal partnership, a husband and wife team. This sort of combination is certainly not unique in the gladiolus world, but in our case we feel that it has resulted in seedling selections that must serve both masculine competitive requirements and feminine standards of beauty.

Our selections are made with three values in mind, in this order: (1) Commercial cut-flower use; (2) Value in arrangements, both artistic and decorative; (3) Exhibition possibilities. Despite the down-grading of show value we have had, as you will note, great success in winning many prized awards.

Early in our hybridizing we made some key crosses that involved classic lines that were becoming neglected. Often we reached back to older, more basic varieties rather than the modern versions of them. We crossed these early strains with new, ruffled developments, striving to eliminate common parentages. Great health and vigor, combined with new color values, have resulted. We concentrate on color classes that are weak, so you will find that most of our seedlings fill in classification gaps with fine contenders.

The seven introductions we now offer have been grown for a long time, are in constant demand from the florists with whom we test our seedlings and have been exhibited at many shows, where they have received high honors against rugged competition. For the hybridizer, they all represent breeding lines that are unobtainable elsewhere.

JAMAICA. (596) (80 Days) **(White Goddess x Harold K.)**

JAMAICA is a powerful bronze smoky that carries on the Giant line of the Baron Hulot family. The bronze lightens to tan in the throat and the bottom petal has a yellow dart, giving the floret a very lively appearance. It is nicely ruffled, has heavy substance and good attachment. It regularly makes at least 21 buds and holds 7-8 open. It has the consistent qualities of a good commercial as well as being an exhibition powerhouse in an empty class. Jamaica is especially wonderful with copper and brass and fall colors and so we like to hold it for a late planting. Ladies ooh! and ah! and steal it for arrangements.

HONESTY NOTE: Like most dark colors, JAMAICA will burn in the hot sun. If it's extremely hot, we cut it when its showing good color, early in the morning, and it opens perfectly in water. As a matter of fact, JAMAICA needs plenty of water to be at its best. Under severe conditions of heat and drought, it occasionally injures its floret as it comes out of the spathe, and the tip does not stretch out quite as far as we would like. However, we feel these problems are not serious enough to prevent introduction of this beautiful glad.

HYBRIDIZING NOTE: If you desire to carry on the "Giant" line, as defined by Glenn Dooley, JAMAICA is a potent parent, seed or pollen.

SHOW RECORD: JAMAICA has the almost unique distinction of winning two American Home Achievement Awards within the space of a week; first at N. J. G. S. Show at New Brunswick in August, 1959 and four days later in Philadelphia at Burholme. It was Best Seedling at Burholme in both 1957 and '59.

INTRODUCTORY PRICES: Trial Unit: 1L, 1M, 1S \$2.00
Grower's Unit: 10 Assorted Bulbs and 50 Blts. \$6.00
Commercial Propagator's Unit: 50 Assorted Bulbs
and 500 Blts. \$25.00

ALICE BLUE (371) (75 Days)

ALICE BLUE is the result of inbreeding seedlings from the cross of Oberbayern X Chartreuse. The basic shade of light violet blue is very pretty and a clean cream throat gives the whole flower a graceful, airy appearance that is enhanced by its strong wiry stem and semi-informal placement. ALICE BLUE will hold 7 wide-open florets on a 21 bud spike with a 30 inch flower head. (We've had them longer.) This is why we think it can be a great commercial:

1. It is healthy. (In the sick world of blues need we say more?)
2. It carries dry with no setback and holds up for days under refrigeration.
3. It is a tall grower, (many spikes make 6 feet) with a long stem that comes right out of the leaves. You can cut it without bending over, all the way down the row.
4. It is a fast propagator.
5. The blooms are 100% salable, from large bulbs, planting stock, even bulblets.
6. It is great for basket work as our show record proves. It was the highest rating blue at the New Jersey Trial Garden in 1960.

HONESTLY NOTE: ALICE BLUE is not ruffled and is best used in quantity.

HYBRIDIZER'S NOTE: ALICE BLUE is a powerful parent, either seed or pollen. It is extremely useful as it appears to carry both blue and green genes.

SHOW RECORD: Best Basket, Maryland Gladiolus Society, August 1, 1959.

Best Basket, (with Green Ice), Delaware Valley Gladiolus Society and Burholme, July 22, 1960.

American Home Achievement Award, Long Island G. S. August 4, 1960.

Best Basket, Eastern International, August 16, 1960.

INTRODUCTORY PRICES: Trial Unit: 3 Large	\$1.00
Hybridizer's Unit: 15 Assorted Bulbs	\$3.50
Basket Exhibitor's Unit: 50 Asst. Bulbs	\$10.00
Grower's Unit: 30 Assorted Bulbs, 100 Blts.	\$10.00
Commercial Propagator's Unit; 100 Assorted Bulbs, 500 Blts.	\$30.00

ALASKA (500) (75 Days)
(Boldface x Leif Ericsson)

ALASKA is a fantastic glad for several reasons. It is a beautiful white of statuesque proportions, neatly ruffled with heavy texture. It will make 19-21 buds consistently and hold 7 open. But the 19-21 buds are on a 33-36 inch flowerhead, and the 7 open give you more florescence than 12 open on many varieties. An outstanding feature of ALASKA is its height in the field. We have actually had spikes that measured 7 feet and, we would like to add, it is not a crooker. It is early, which is amazing for a giant glad. We keep moving up its blooming date and now say 75 days but it may be earlier. Planting stock of ALASKA makes fine spikes for cutting.

Eldon Shaw of Bethesda, Maryland writes: "I bought one bulb of ALASKA at the Maryland Bulb Auction this spring. It produced one of the finest spikes I've ever seen. A 37 inch flower head, 21 buds, 7 open, 6 in color, 6 inch florets with perfect placement, heavy texture and exceptional substance. It only had one fault, it bloomed in 70 days so I missed our show with it."

HONESTY NOTE: We have found that it doesn't pay to push ALASKA. It grows big enough in average soil. When pushed, the florets tend to become informal.

HYBRIDIZER'S NOTE: ALASKA is a proven parent, either way, a great propagator.

SHOW RECORD: American Home Achievement Award, Maryland G. S., 1959. Best Vase, Eastern International Show, Corning, N. Y., 1960. This Vase caused a great deal of approving comment. Twelve giant spikes, carried 9 hours dry, were in perfect condition, a sight to see.

INTODUCTORY PRICES: Trial Unit; 1L, 1M, 1S \$3.00

BY JUPITER. (466) (90 Days)

(Colonel Atkinson x Wedgewood K&M)

BY JUPITER is a regal velvety purple which lightens in the throat, where the violet from the Dutch Wedgewood parent can be detected. White rib lines on the lower petals liven up the whole flower. BY JUPITER has a long head, big bud count and holds many open. It has gone to 27 buds for us, with a 35 inch head and 11 open. It is a handsome glad and we hope you won't consider us in bad taste when we mention that florists love it for funeral work. From planting stock or medium size bulbs, BY JUPITER has commercial value, from ones or jumbos it has excellent championship possibilities.

HONESTY NOTE: BY JUPITER has a heavy but very flexible stem, and under fluctuating temperature conditions combined with heavy watering, may crook when grown from large, old bulbs. For that try for Grand Champ, we suggest, for safety, that you stake it.

HYBRIDIZING NOTE: BY JUPITER is a proven parent, either way. (Remember hybridizers, it's half blue!) It is a good propagator.

SHOW RECORD: Best Seedling, N. J. G. S. Early Show, Woodbury, 1959. American Home Achievement Award, Keystone Gladiolus Show, 1959.

INTRODUCTORY PRICES: Trial Unit: 1L, 1M, 1S \$2.00
Grower's Unit: 10 Assorted Bulbs and 100 Blts \$6.00

JINGLE BELLS (258) (75 Days)

JINGLE BELLS is a black-red ATOM. It is the result of a double inbreeding of ATOM. The color value is exceptionally high, the black-red is relieved by fiery lights in the throat, and against this darker background, the famous creamy-white petal edging stands out vividly. JINGLE BELLS is superior to ATOM in many ways. The substance is heavier and crisper and the petals reflex a bit. It will hold 6 open on a 17-19 bud spike.

HONESTY NOTE: JINGLE BELLS is an agonizingly slow propagator. Its bulbs remain small and make only a few blooming-size bulblets. We are introducing it primarily for its value to hybridizers. Our stock is quite limited.

Hybridizing Note: JINGLE BELLS is a potent parent, pollen or seed.

SHOW RECORD: Best Small Seedling, N. J. G. S., Woodbury, N. J., 1959.

INTRODUCTORY PRICE: Because of its slow propagation, any size bulb \$2.00

THE MAGIC TWINS

ABRACADABRA

(290) (80 Days)

TAWNY

(221) (75 Days)

(Brown Orchid x Sundance)

Early in our hybridizing work we made the above cross and the results were so surprising that we have made it four times. From these crosses we now possess three seedlings, two of which are ABRACADABRA and TAWNY. These two small glads are in the background of most of our miniature hybridizing and now, at last, we have decided to introduce them. They are truly different. Both are well under 3½ inch floret size, have big bud count, never less than 21 and one ABRA had 28 buds! They are consistent performers, fabulous propagators, healthy, vigorous, tall-growing non-crookers that will hold 8 open in rather formal placement. We have sold thousands of these small glads and they are constantly in demand by florists and flower arrangers.

ABRACADABRA is light bronze, with a clean yellow rib line down the center of the three principal petals. TAWNY is buff with a small, deep rose throat mark. Having judged a great many miniature classes in the last few years, we have seen nothing to date in either the small tan or buff classes that can compete with these two.

HONESTY NOTE: The only "less than perfect" admission we can make about ABRACADABRA and TAWNY is that they are not ruffled.

HYBRIDIZING NOTE: It is in this area that ABRA and TAWNY are more than ever "the magic twins". ABRA has all the bronze, brown, tan and even grey smoky genes you will ever need. TAWNY produces buff, orange, yellow and even white seedlings, and has the ability to pass on its great growing features while picking up the color and ruffling of another parent. We will be introducing champion off-spring of these wonderful parents for years to come.

SHOW RECORD: ABRACADABRA: American Home Award, Keystone G. S. 1958. Best Small Seedling and Best Artistic Arrangement, Delaware Valley G. S. and Burholme, 1960. Several Best Baskets.

TAWNY: Best Basket, Del. Valley, 1960.

INTRODUCTORY PRICES, EITHER VARIETY:-

Trial Unit: 3 Large	\$1.00
Hybridizer's Unit: 15 Assorted Bulbs	\$3.50
Grower's Unit: 30 Assorted Bulbs, 100 Blts.	\$10.00
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